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of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

Office of the Administrator

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Washington, D.C. 20590

Refer to: HEPI-20

Mr. Len Sanderson  
State Highway Administrator  
North Carolina Department  
of Transportation  
1501 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1501

Through: John Sullivan *John Sullivan*  
Division Administrator  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

We have completed review of your revised request to Division Administrator John Sullivan that the 35-mile proposed Fayetteville Outer Loop from I-95 north of Fayetteville to Fort Bragg and thence to I-95 south of Fayetteville be designated a future part of the Interstate System under 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(4)(B).

The 8-mile portion of the route from I-95 Exit 58/U.S. 13 westerly to U.S. 401 Ramsey Street has an approved final environmental document and construction has commenced. The remaining 27-miles have a final corridor location established by the State and Federal transportation and resource agencies under their National Environmental Policy Act/404 Merger Agreement.

You have indicated that construction will be completed within the required 12-year period for the 23-mile section from I-95 Exit 58 westerly and southerly to U.S. 401 (Raeford Road) and the remainder to I-95 south of Exit 40 in about 20 years. After careful consideration of the criteria, I find that the 23-mile portion of the proposed loop highway would be a logical addition for service to Fort Bragg/Pope Air Force Base and for freeway connection between I-95 and U.S. 401, both routes on the Strategic Highway Network. I hereby designate, under 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(4)(B), the 23-mile portion (about 37 km) of the proposed loop as a future part of the Interstate System.

This action will be effective today upon your execution of the required 103(c)(4)(B) agreement. We have drafted an agreement and signed the two copies enclosed. Please sign them and return one for our file of executed agreements.



Under the agreement, all projects on the proposed route must meet Interstate System design standards. We recommend that the projects be coordinated with the Federal Highway Administration Division Office, as they will have to review the completed facility before I officially add it to the Interstate System under 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(4)(A). We intend to consider favorably a request for partial addition, when completed, from I-95 to the All American Freeway, a National Highway System route directly serving Fort Bragg/Pope AFB.

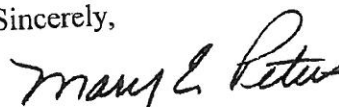
Inasmuch as the entire loop has a final corridor location established under the Federal State merger agreement, we concur with the proposed I-295 loop route number for this route segment. The numbering is subject to concurrence by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and we are informing the Association by copy of this letter. Our concurrence is also on the condition that the designated future part of the Interstate System may only be referred to as "Future I-295" until added to the System.

The last subparagraph of Section 103(c)(4)(B) provides that:

No law, rule, regulation, map, document, or other record of the United States, or of any State or political subdivision of a State, shall refer to any highway under this subparagraph, nor shall any such highway be signed or marked, as a highway on the Interstate System until such time as the highway is constructed to the geometric and construction standards for the Interstate System and has been designated as a route on the Interstate System.

We advise that, under 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(4)(A) and (B), designation of this route as a part or future part of the Interstate System creates no new Federal financial responsibility nor eligibility for Interstate Maintenance (IM) funds. However, when this route is added to the Interstate System, its lane miles and vehicle miles traveled will be included in the IM funds apportionment formula.

Sincerely,



Mary E. Peters  
Administrator

2 Enclosures

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### Memorandum

To: Ken Ivey, P.E.  
State Traffic Engineer

From: Rick Heicksen, Secretary *RH*

Subject: Route designation Of Project X-2 and a portion of U-2519

The MPO request that TIP project X-2 from I95 to US 401 and the portion of project U-2519 from US 401 to the All American Freeway be designated as "I-195"

When U-2519 is completed we understand that the entire corridor from I-95/US 13 to I-95 south In Robeson County will be designated I-295.

If there any question please give me a call.

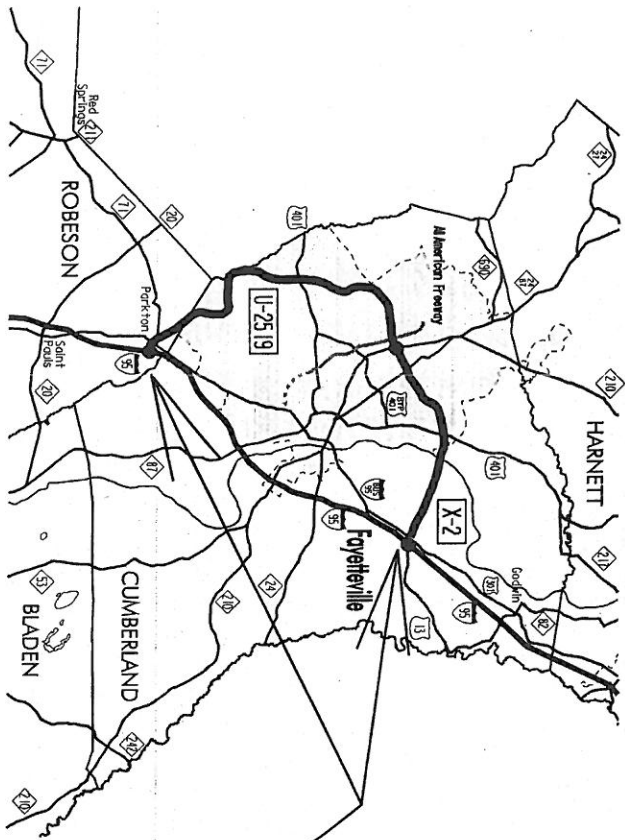
Cc: Terry Gibson, P.E. Division 6  
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# CUMBERLAND & ROBESON COUNTIES

## FAYETTEVILLE OUTER LOOP

Request Interstate Designation Under  
23 USC 103(c)(4)(B)  
35.18 Miles



### LEGEND

OUTER LOOP 35.18 Miles